



Devizes Half Marathon

In association with **The Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance**, our chosen charity.

This guide should be read in conjunction with the information available at www.devizeshalfmarathon.co.uk/info where we will be making regular updates right up until race day and after the event so please familiarise yourself with the website.

Welcome to Devizes Half Marathon

The charming historic market town of Devizes lies at the very heart of Wiltshire. Founded in Norman times at the boundaries (the Latin 'ad Divisas') of surrounding villages, the town grew up around the castle. The outline of the town walls shows in the 'D' shape of the centre which retains its mediaeval street plan. The town is compact and, being on the level, easy to walk round. Some buildings survive from the 16thC including the renowned hat shop in St John's Alley.

Devizes is lucky to have kept many small independent shops offering a wide range of goods not found elsewhere - with service to match. Weekly general and collectors' markets and regular farmers' and continental markets bring added colour.

The spectacular Caen Hill flight of 29 locks leading up to Devizes was a major engineering feat when built at the end of the 18thC. The tow path from the Wharf leads to the locks and provides excellent views of the countryside. Boat hire and trips on the canal are available in the summer.



Venue

The Green, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 3AA.

Will I receive a bib number in the post?

No, we will not be posting out bib numbers and timing chips, you must collect this at the venue prior to your race.



Want to collect your race number early?

You are able to collect your race number and timing chip on Saturday 5th April between 13:00-15:00 if you wish too. You can also ask any questions and drive the route too. We will be signing the course from 13:00.

We will have a gazebo set up on The Green, SN10 3AA, **What 3 Words** ///assets.heckler.vivid

Parking

There is adequate parking for the event around the town, please follow parking restrictions as LPS Events and its partners will not accept any liability for breach of any parking regulations.

- Station Road, off road from Trowbridge/Chippenham
- Market Place, The Market Square
- Sainsbury's Car Park
- West Central Car Park, between Wadworth Brewery and The Green
- Nurstead Industrial Estate
- Hopton Industrial Estate (15 minute walk to town centre)
- Please do not use Morrison's Car Park near The Green ANPR cameras in operation.

What to do when you arrive - Chip Collection from 08:00

On arrival, please check the information board for your race number, then queue accordingly, if you do not know your race number, you will be asked to find this. You will then be issued with an envelope with your race number on. Please check this is your number.

Race Number & Timing Chip, Half Marathon - 9:30, age 17+

You will be issued with a race number, which must be pinned to the front of your running top, a baggage tag, a timing chip and ankle strap, which must be attached to your left ankle. Please complete the medical information on the reverse of your bib prior to pinning it to your top.

No Chip = No Time, NO EXCEPTIONS.

There are no day entries for this event. Online entries will close prior to the event, we will post this deadline via the website closer to the event.

Junior Race - cancelled for 2025

Fun Run - 10:35, ages 7 & under - cancelled for 2025

Race Briefing

Due to the size of this event there will be no race briefing on the morning, please listen for any announcements that may take place.

Refreshments

Cafe 2 U - freshly brewed coffee and drinks, including alternative milks

Dominico's Ice Creams - top quality Mr Whippy & Walls ice creams.



Charity & Partners

Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance Charity provide critical medical care by land and air. Their mission is to give people the best chance of survival. This relies on highly trained critical care paramedics and doctors supported by specialist medical equipment. Speed is their superpower. From the airbase in Semington, the helicopter can reach anywhere in Wiltshire and Bath within 11 minutes. As a charity, they can't do this vital work without the support of our local communities. **Your support save lives.**

Wiltshire Search & Rescue - Making our communities safer by delivering a world-class standard of Search and Rescue services, saving lives where every second counts.



Toilets

There will be 6 portable toilets on The Green which can be used at any time before and after the event. Please do not use hedgerows and residents' gardens.

There are one toilets located at the 2nd water station, at 7 miles.

Baggage - sponsored by Grist Environmental

If you wish to leave car keys, please put these into your envelope and take to the baggage truck. Any bags can also be kept here, ensure you have a baggage tag attached with your race number.

No tag, no storage.

Personal MP3 Players & iPods

The use of any personal music device, headphones or other audio device are not permitted during this event and will result in disqualification if caught wearing them. There will be spotter marshals on the course looking for these. Bone conductor headphones **are not** permitted during our event.

Medical

There will be a hard standing first aid point at the start/finish area on The Green and there will be the ability to mobilise a first aider from the start/finish. There will be a first aid point at mile 2, 7 and 11. Should you or any other runner require first aid, alert the nearest marshal.

Massage

Shrekly Sports can offer quick, effective sports massage sessions to help runners reduce soreness, prevent injury, and feel their best post-race.

Post-Event Massage Offer:

Just £10 for 10 minutes – perfect for a quick lactate flush through & improve blood flow to aid recovery boost!

Helps reduce muscle fatigue, lactic acid build up & DOMS to speed up post-race recovery.

Photography

Charles Whitton Photography will be taking photos during this event and they will be available to buy shortly after, the link will be available from our results page.



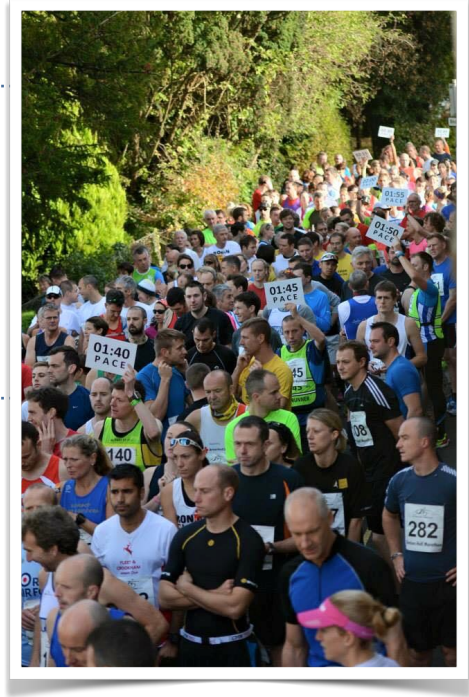
Pacing team

We have several pace runners for this event which will be targeting the finish time at a steady pace - see website for pace runner times.

Water Stations

There will be a water station at approximately 4.3 miles, 7 miles, 9.5 miles and 11.3 miles. We will have 50ml paper cups available.

The water stations will be self serve in 2025 - so you need to slow down, collect your cup from the table and dispose of it, our teams will be filling cups but not handing them out, this is for a few reasons, to encourage you to carry what you need, to reduce litter on the course, to reduce missed cups by not grabbing one. Please do not swipe the whole table knocking several cups off as this is poor sportsmanship.



These paper are a recyclable alternative to plastic cups. If you require more than 50ml of water per station, please carry a bottle or use a running vest.

Disposal stations after each water station are available, please only use these large waste bags for rubbish, do not drop gel wrappers, cups or bottles anywhere else on course. Help keep our countryside tidy.

Littering

We have a litter drop zone up to 50m after each drinks station. Littering is prohibited anywhere else on the course. Please keep hold of gel wrappers and litter until the finish line. Dropping litter outside of these zones is prohibited.

Course Records

The current records currently stand at;

01:21:53 by David Sirrelle, Swindon Harriers AC (2024)

01:31:09 by Laura Buchanan, Newbury AC (2024)



Results

The results will be running live and uploaded onto the Devizes Half Marathon website during the event. They will include 7 mile split times. Presentations will be awarded based on the gun time.

Presentations - from 11:15

The main presentations will take place at 11:15 for the Half Marathon, there will be a follow up presentation at 12:00 for remaining categories.

These will be awarded to the following presentation categories;

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| 1st-3rd Open Overall | 1st-3rd Female Overall |
| 1st Open Junior (17-19) | 1st Female Junior (17-19) |
| 1st Open Senior (20-39) | 1st Female Senior (20-34) |
| 1st Open 40+ | 1st Female 35+ |
| 1st Open 50+ | 1st Female 45+ |
| 1st Open 60+ | 1st Female 55+ |
| 1st Open 70+ | 1st Female 65+ |
| 1st Open Club* | 1st Female Club* |

*top 3 fastest accumulated times from the same club entry.
1st local (Devizes) runner.



Volunteers

Cant run? Join our team. We are looking for an enthusiastic team for this event, to encourage the runners around the course. Email info@lpsevents.co.uk if you know someone who would like to be involved.



Spectators

Spectators are welcomed to attend this event, however as it takes place on partially open roads, we urge them not to travel around the course by vehicle to keep traffic to a minimum.

Review on Racecheck

Post a review as soon as you can on Racecheck, shout about your experience.

Share photos on our Facebook and Instagram pages using the hashtag #DevizesHalfMarathon

Cant make the event?

Our new event protection policy which we have in place for 2025 protects your entry, simply let us know via email by 07:30 GMT at info@lpsevents.co.uk on Saturday 5th April to defer your entry to the next running of the event.

Terms apply, please find the full policy in section 6 at <https://www.devizeshalfmarathon.co.uk/terms>

Notification of the junior races

Please note this relates only to the 1.5km junior race and 350m fun run which are due to run alongside Devizes Half Marathon on Sunday 6th April. The half marathon will still go ahead with a modified start.

Due to the very slow uptake and support for the event, we have been unable to raise the revenue required in time to file the road closure and submit the required fees to process this in time. Therefore, as a result we are unable to host the junior races on the road, which has not been closed.

We have looked at alternative options however this is not possible to host without a road closure and to create a positive experience, so the decision to cancel these affected races has not been taken lightly.

If you hold a current entry in either of these races, we will provide a full refund for the junior race automatically in the coming days, you do not need to do anything. The fun run entries will be cancelled since no payment has been taken for these.

We would actively encourage your support to the rest of the junior league, and encourage uptake to any other events you may be considering in a timely manner to help the hosting of the event, whether with LPS Events or any other club or commercial organiser.

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Sunday 6th April 2025

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